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SUBJECT: GEORGIA WILL NOT SUPPORT SERBIA'S PLAN TO INVOKE  
THE OSCE'S BERLIN MECHANISM

REF: SECSTATE 14284

Classified By: Ambassador John F. Tefft, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Per reftel request, Poloff spoke with Alexander Nalbandov, Director of the International Organizations Department at the Georgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Nalbandov said that the Georgian government had already decided not to support Serbia's motion to invoke the Berlin Mechanism at the OSCE following a Kosovo declaration of independence, and had already informed the Serbs of its decision. He added that he had heard that Serbia did not have enough support to invoke the Berlin Mechanism and would not continue to press for an emergency meeting.

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